

NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBER IN THE WORLD: Building a Worldwide Movement to Fight Climate Change!

Presentation by **Bill McKibben**, author and environmentalist,
on **WED, MAR 11** at 7pm—at Goshen College, Sauder Concert Hall
For more info, contact: [Paul Steury paulds@goshen.edu](mailto:Paul.Steury.paulds@goshen.edu)
or visit website-- billmckibben.com/350.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
~ open to the public ~

MON, MAR 23 – “Lotus Bogs”

— Master Gardener Susan Goldman will talk about how to create,
develop, and maintain a lotus garden in your yard.
— NATIVE PLANT & SEED EXCHANGE

MON, APR 27 – “Native Plant Species of the Prairie”

— Skylar Hill, assistant property manager at Prophetstown State
Park, will talk about our native prairie species and the prairie
restoration at the park.

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 sueandtedulrich@msn.com

WILDFLOWER WALKS

SAT APR 11 10:30am-2:30pm White River RC&D Wildflower Hike*

Explore two unique areas: a barrens in Spring Mill State Park** and
the Cave River Valley. **Meet at INN Parking Lot at 10:30am

*NOTE: Limited to first 40 to register (\$5 fee) at 812-279-8117 Ext 5
Led by field guide author Kay Yatskievych & Carroll Ritter-SycamoreLT
www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/wildflower_rcandd.htm

SAT APR 25 INPAWS Hike in Allee Woods (Parke County)—led by
Dr. Amanda Ingram, Asst. Professor of Biology, Wabash College
Details closer to date at: www.inpaws.org

NATIVE PLANTS sold here...

Howard County SWCD Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale

MAR 27—LAST DAY to ORDER *

SAT, APR 18 9am-noon PLANT PICK-UP DAY
at Jackson Morrow Park, Kokomo, IN

* For plant list & order form: www.howardswcd.com

Questions? 765-457-2114 ext 3

George Peregrin—Native Plants Unlimited: over 90 species

APR 3—Advance Orders DUE **

May 1-3 and 7-10 —2009 Spring Plant Sale at new location:
GreenCycle of Indiana 2695 Cicero Rd (SR 19), Noblesville, IN

** Plant list/order form/sale hrs: www.nativeplantsunlimited.com

Questions? 317-506-5456 or nativeplants@earthlink.net

MAY 9 INPAWS Native Plant Sale & Auction (Indianapolis)

Details to come at: www.inpaws.org

Walter Beineke—The Land Nursery (Tipp Co, west of WL)

--grows mostly native trees and shrubs. For plant list & more
info, contact Walt at: 765-463-2994 or wbein2@verizon.net

GARDENING EVENTS

SAT MAR 7th 10am-2pm Purdue Extension OPEN HOUSE

11am & 1pm special presentation: **Benefits of Gardening**
At Purdue Extension -- 3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette

SAT APR 25th 9am-3pm GARDEN EXPO 2009 and PLANT SALE

at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds -- 1010 Teal Rd, Lafayette
For information: 765-572-2769 or scottswoods@verizon.net

Wednesdays 3-6:30pm MAY-OCT Sagamore West Farmers Market

Contact Kathleen.mills50@gmail.com re: free space for non-profits

Interested in starting a community vegetable garden in Lafayette?

Contact Mary Lehmkuhl: mlehmkuh@purdue.edu

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubon.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays at 7:15pm
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm in the MCL Cafeteria-West Lafayette
~ open to the public ~

THURS, MAR 12 “Bird Abundance & Diversity in the Montane Forests of Costa Rica”

— Ecologist Matt Gasner will present the results of his research on
Costa Rican forest birds and the possible effects of climate change.
THURS, APR 9 “What’s New at the Wildcat Wildlife Center?”
— Executive Director Carol Blacketer will give an update on the center
and what it does to rehabilitate injured birds and mammals, as well
as what the public can do to help.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: dlpackett@pex.net or 765-463-9231

FRI/SAT Mar 27-28 SAS Spring BAKE & PLANT Sale – WL Library
Proceeds benefit Wildcat Wildlife Center’s RAPTOR FLYWAY!

Coincides with 50th Anniversary of Book Fair SAT/SUN Mar 28-29!
(70% of items are \$1 or less!) **VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Details: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275, sueandtedulrich@msn.com

SAS FIELDTRIPS

Meet in the gravel parking lot in Celery Bog Nature Area.

(north side of Lindberg Rd betw Northwestern & McCormick in WL)

SAT MAR 7 8:30am Local waterfowl & eagle trip...to look for
migrating waterfowl at Celery Bog, Mulvey Pond, Pine Creek in
Benton County, & possibly Bald Eagle nest in SW Tipp Co. (Half-day)

SAT APR 4 7:30am Early Spring Migrants at Celery Bog ...to look
for sapsuckers, migrating sparrows, vireos, wetland birds and other
signs of spring! (Half-day)

SAT APR 18 7:30am Spring Migrants at Horticulture Park ...to look
for warblers and other migrants. If anything unusual is being
reported in the region, we may go further afield (Half-day)

SAT MAY 9 -- The BIG DAY in MAY

People in Indiana will be birding to see what species can be found in
their county on what is traditionally the height of songbird migration!

Call COUNTY Compilers: TIPP--Barry Dunning 765-494-3565;

WARREN--Susan Ulrich 583-2275; WHITE--Rick Read 574-583-7000

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD HIKES at HORT PARK begin MAR 5th

Start time: 8:00am—times to be adjusted later depending on sunup!

Meet in the east parking lot of Hort Park in grove of River Birches
on McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.
(~ 1-hour hike)

For field trip or hike info: Barry Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h

NEW — Hoosier Environmental BOOK CLUB

Meets 1:30pm at Barnes & Noble (next to Tippecanoe Mall)

SAT MAR 21st -- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle

SAT APR 18th -- The World Without Us

For more info, contact Falon French: ffrench@hecweb.org

NICHES EVENTS

(plus more on website calendar at www.nicheslandtrust.org)

WED APR 1st PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR of NICHES Land Holdings

7-9pm at Tippecanoe County Public Library, Meeting Room B

Board member Dave Krohne's photos on display/Light refreshments.

WED APR 22nd 6:30-8:30pm NICHES Annual Meeting

at the Wells Center: 638 North St, Lafayette

Presentation by Doris Myers on “Art and Nature”

along with food, drink, and a silent auction

SAT MAY 2nd 9am-noon NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP *

Hosted by accomplished photographer, Dave Krohne,

at his home in western Tippecanoe County

for individuals trying to improve their photography skills.

Cost is \$25; all proceeds go to NICHES Land Trust.

* NOTE: Limited to 20 people; reservations required by APR 24th.

For info/to register: 765-423-1605 or niches@nicheslandtrust.org

"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips

MAR-MAY 6, 2009 1-3pm or As Noted

Mar 4th 1-3pm DUCKS of Celery Bogbinoculars..... **LNC**
Indoor talk by avid birder Susan Ulrich will be followed by outdoor walk (weather permitting) to look for birds around the marsh.

Mar 11th 1-3pm Otters, and Bobcats, and Woodrats...Oh, My! LNC
Nongame Wildlife Biologist Scott Johnson will give an update on the status of the state's efforts to restore & protect these mammals.

Mar 18th 7:30-9:30pm Sounds of Spring—the Wacky Woodcocks!
Experience this spring ritual with Naturalist Mary Cutler & members of Sycamore Audubon Soc. (Dress for the weather; binoculars) **AMPH**

Mar 25th 7-9pm Garlic Mustard: An Unremarkable English Wildflower Conquering America! **LNC**
Steve Hallett (Purdue Dept of Botany & Plant Pathology) will talk about how plants become invasive and discuss research findings involving garlic mustard's underground chemical warfare with soil microorganisms!

Apr 1st 7-9pm Nature's April Foolers (MIMICRY) **LNC**
Using color slides and demonstrations, Purdue Entomologist John MacDonald explains why some insects are green or drab, or in other ways blend into their background, while others are brightly colored and "boldly announce their presence!"

Apr 8th 7-9pm Greening Your Business **LNC**
Using what SIA has done since 2000 as the model, Denise Coogan (Safety & Environmental Compliance Mgr at Subaru), talks about what companies can do to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."

Apr 15th 1-3pm Forest Health Problems **LNC**
Phil Marshall (DNR State Entomologist & Forest Health Specialist) discusses diseases and insects that are common problems in Indiana forests and trees, and how to manage them.

Apr 22nd 7-9pm Fantabulous Frogs & Other Amazing Amphibians
Meet some frogs, toads, and salamanders up close with Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. (Amphibian Educator/Conservationist). Find out why they're so amazing, and why they're in decline worldwide. Indoor program followed by outdoor search for spring frogs. **LNC**

Apr 29th 1-3pm Birdfoot Violets Walk in Warren County ... NICHES
Susan Ulrich (active in NICHES Land Trust) leads a hike through the Weiler-Leopold & Black Rock Barrens properties. Focus will be on spring wildflowers, but we'll see birds, and other wildlife & plants, too! CARPOOL leaves LNC at 12:30pm OR meet at Weiler-Leopold 1pm.

May 6th 1-3pm Shooting Stars & More (Wildflowers) CLEGG
Walk wooded ravine trails with Jim Peterson (CLEGG manager and wildflower aficionado); enjoy the many wildflowers as you learn about the gravel hill prairie restoration on this property along Wildcat Creek! LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

AMPH(Tipp Co Amphitheater): Meet in parking lot off North River Rd, near Soldiers Home Rd in West Lafayette

CLEGG(CLEGG Garden): In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

NICHES (Weiler-Leopold): Meet at 1pm in Weiler-Leopold parking lot (directions at nicheslandtrust.org) OR join 12:30pm CARPOOL--LNC

Sponsored by: Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Brian Tunis-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES
FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Brian Tunis (765-497-7158), or Editor

COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS

GREEN DRINKS meets 6:30pm at Spurlock's -- 721 Main St, LAF
WED MAR 4th 7pm GREEN BUILDING—talk by Spencer Valentine
WED APR 1st 7pm Buying LOCALLY GROWN produce—City Foods
De-Trash the Wabash – APR 4th Free T-shirts to first 100 volunteers!
WALKERS register 8:30-9am at Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette
BOATERS contact **Riverkeeper Rae Schnapp: 765-714-4829**

BACKYARD CONSERVATION seminars 6-8pm at Tipp Co Public Lib
THU MAR 19 Backyard Ponds (construction & maintenance)

THU MAR 26 Backyard Wildlife Habitats

MON APR 13 Rain Gardens & Water Conservation

Info: Tipp Co SWCD 765-474-9992 x113 sean.rock@in.nacdn.net

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN—PUBLIC MEETING APR 23rd

6-9pm at HolidayInnCtrCitySelect--LAF/**Stan Lambert: 765-420-8505**

WL Go Greener Commission info: dianedamico@mac.com

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Protect woodland wildflowers--PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!!!

The INPAWS (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad
could use your help at its **SPRING 2009 workdays**
Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

TUESDAYS 3-5pm

West Lafayette Parks

Mar 24 Celery Bog Nature Area

Mar 31 Cumberland Woods

Apr 7 Happy Hollow Park

Apr 14 Celery Bog Nature Area

Apr 21 Celery Bog Nature Area

Apr 28 Happy Hollow Park

May 5 Happy Hollow Park

THURSDAYS 3-5pm

Tippecanoe County Parks

Mar 26 Prophet's Rock Woods

Apr 2 Ross Hills Park

Apr 9 Prophet's Rock Woods

Apr 16 Ross Hills Park

Apr 23 Prophet's Rock Woods

Apr 30 Ross Hills Park

May 7 Prophet's Rock Woods

Workdays continue thru May 28th: Contact editor for full schedule.

Workday Meeting Locations

Call contact person** about iffy weather & to confirm meeting place
Celery Bog Nature Area—Meet in parking lot by Lilly Nature Ctr, WL
Cumberland Woods/Michaud-Sinninger Woods—Meet in parking lot off Salisbury St just north of Cumberland Ave in West Lafayette.
Happy Hollow Park—Meet in last parking lot after entering the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette.

****Brian Tunis 765-497-7158 or Bob Cheever: 765-775-5124**

Prophet's Rock Woods—Meet at little Prophet's Rock parking lot on Prophets Rock Road, just north of 600N (toward Battle Ground).

Ross Hills Park—Meet at far end of park's 2nd parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course.

****Joan Samuels 765-567-7023 or Mary Sue Waser 765-589-3228**

GREAT ANNUAL GARLIC MUSTARD PULL

SAT, APRIL 25, 2009 from 10am-noon

Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

Meet at athletic complex parking lot off Salisbury St. just north of Cumberland Ave. Work will be done in Michaud-Sinninger Woods.

Contact Brian Tunis (765) 497-7158 for more information.

NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!

www.nicheslandtrust.org

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS -- 7 pm TUES: Mar 24th, Apr 28th
in the Wells Center at 638 North St, Lafayette

WORKDAYS at NICHES Properties

Property directions on website; 10am-1pm, unless noted otherwise.

SAT MAR 28 Granville Sand Barrens—Tippecanoe Co.

Brush pile burning; followed by bird hike let by Matt Gasner.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS:

SAT APR 4 Black Rock—Warren County (Susan Ulrich)

SAT APR 11 Wright Rock Creek—Warren County (Susan Ulrich)

SAT APR 18 Hoffman Easement—Tipp County (For property directions, contact Mary Sue and Peter Waser at 765-589-3228)

SAT & SUN, APR 25 & 26 10am-5pm Bachner Nature Reserve**—Montgomery Co (Gus Nyberg) **RSVPs encouraged: 765-423-1605**

Tree planting along beautiful Sugar Creek; nearby camping at Shades State Park or on gravel bar on site. **5400 trees—HELP!**

****NOTE: SAT tree planting follows 10-11am Property Dedication**
Details:Gus Nyberg 765-423-1605 or gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org

KANKAKEE SANDS PROJECT Workdays/NEWTON County

(RSVPs appreciated but not required; note listed time is CentralDT)

SAT, MAR 14 & MAR 28 9am-12noon CDT Transplanting Seedlings

Work will be done in the toasty warm Kankakee Sands Greenhouse!

For more info: Alyssa Nyberg 219-285-2184 or anyberg@tnc.org



Hoosier Herpetological Society

meets third Wednesdays -- 7:30pm

at Butler University in Gallahue Hall, Rm 105 or 108

For more info: www.hoosierherpsociety.org or contact:

Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. 765-249-2298 or wzetterberg@gmail.com

For ToadTimes, visit: groups.google.com/group/toadtimes-newsletter

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

Submissions for MAY-JUN issue need to reach me by APR 27th.

Please send your info to mohrsamuels@comcast.net

or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuel, Editor**